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Total Claims		-20 **	=	0	X		= 0
Independent Claims		-3 **	=	0	X		= 0
Multiple Dependent							= 0

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1201	200	2201	100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	360	2203	180	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	200	2204	100	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1053	130	1053	130			Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520			For filing a request for reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Patent No: 6,955,021 *B2*
Issued: October 18, 2005
Inventors: RODNEY H. THOMAS
For: Covers, Systems and Methods for Covering Deck Components
Attorney Ref: 9847-000005/US

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.322

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

SIR/MADAM:

Applicant requests that the Commissioner issue a Certificate of Correction to correct the following errors in the above-referenced patent.

Column 3, line 15: delete “top” before “perspective view”

Column 3, line 17: delete “top” before “perspective view”

Column 4, line 44: delete “can” after “cover 50”

Column 6, line 45: replace “360” with “460”

Column 6, line 46: replace “366” with “466”

Column 6, line 48: replace “366” with “466”

Column 7, line 66: insert “A” before “cover 650”

Column 7, line 67: replace “engaged” with “engage” after “portions 662”

CLAIM 8

Column 10, line 47: replace “too portion” with “top portion”

CLAIM 15

Column 11, line 17: replace “too portion” with “top portion”

CLAIM 21

Column 12, line 14: replace “farming” with “forming”

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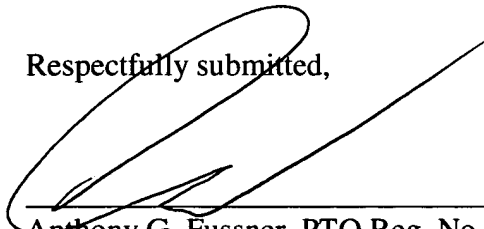
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Applicant submits that the errors in claims 8, 15, and 21 occurred due to a mistake on the part of the Patent Office. Specifically, claim 8, claim 17 (*i.e.*, the claim which corresponds to claim 15 in the issued U.S. Patent 6,955,021), and claim 29 (*i.e.*, the claim which corresponds to claim 21 in the issued U.S. Patent 6,955,021) were in the February 22, 2005 amendment.

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Applicant has enclosed Form PTO/SB/44 showing the necessary corrections to the patent. Applicant has also enclosed the \$100.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.20(a). Applicant believes that he does not owe any other fee with this request. If, however, Applicant owes any additional fee(s), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 08-0750. In addition, if there is ever any other fee deficiency or overpayment under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 or 1.17 in connection with this patent application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such deficiency or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750.

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